

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-48. (Canceled)

49. (Currently amended) A method of establishing a communication session, the method comprising:

~~prior to receiving a request to facilitate establishing the communication session between a communication initiator and an intended recipient,~~

at a central location, storing information about a plurality of communication devices associated with the intended recipient and with different respective networks in a multi-networked environment, wherein ~~at least two~~ a first device of the plurality of communication devices comprises a set-top box associated with a video network, and wherein a second device of the plurality of communication devices is ~~are each~~ associated with different respective networks in a multi-networked environment a second network that comprises a network other than the video network;

at the central location, receiving status information regarding the ~~plurality of communication devices~~ set-top box and the second device from the ~~respective networks~~ the video network and the second network, respectively, wherein the status information comprises information other than, or in addition to, whether the multiple communication devices are on or off, and wherein the storing and receiving of status information occurs independently of receiving a request for establishing the communication session between the requester and the user;

at the central location, receiving the request to facilitate establishing the communication session;

at the central location, in response to the received request, selecting one of the ~~plurality of communication devices~~ set-top box and the second device at which the intended recipient can likely be reached, wherein the selection is based, at least in part, on an evaluation of the received status information; and

directing a call to one of the ~~respective networks to which the selected communication device belongs~~ set-top box and the second device to enable the communication session to be

established ~~with the selected communication device~~ between the communication initiator and the intended recipient.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 49 wherein the storing is performed through an Internet portal site by providing the intended recipient with a predetermined registration procedure to enroll in the service of the method.

51. (Currently amended) The method of claim 49 wherein the status information ~~that indicates information other than, or in addition to, whether the multiple communication devices are on or off~~ regarding the set-top box and the second device includes an indication of whether the ~~multiple communication devices~~ set-top box and the second device are currently on-line and when they were last active.

52. (Currently amended) In a multi-networked environment, a method of determining a communication device at which a user can likely be reached, the method comprising:

~~prior to receiving a request to facilitate establishing a communication session between a communication initiator and the user,~~

querying different types of networks in the multi-networked environment for status information, wherein the status information pertains to a plurality of communication devices associated with the user, including at least a ~~first communication device~~ set-top box and a second, different communication device, wherein the ~~first communication device~~ set-top box is associated with a ~~first~~ video network in the multi-network environment and the second communication device is associated with a second, different network in the multi-networked environment;

receiving the status information for the ~~first~~ set-top box and the second communication device[[s]] from the ~~first~~ video network and the second network[[s]], respectively, wherein the status information includes status information other than, or in addition to, an indication of whether the ~~first~~ set-top box and the second communication device[[s]] are on or off, and wherein the querying and receiving of status information occurs independently of receiving a request for establishing a communication session between a communication initiator and the user; and

in response to receiving the request, selecting one of the set-top box and the second communication device as a preferred communication device ~~from the first and second communication devices~~ based on the received status information.

53. (Currently amended) The method of claim 52 wherein the status information includes activity information associated with the ~~first~~ set-top box and the second communication device[[s]].

54. (Currently amended) The method of claim 52 wherein the status information includes presence information associated with the ~~first~~ set-top box and the second communication device[[s]].

55. (Currently amended) The method of claim 52 wherein the ~~first communication device~~ includes ~~one of a telephone, cellular phone, personal computer and set top box, and wherein the second communication device is a different type of device than the first communication device and~~ includes one of a telephone, a cellular phone, or a personal computer ~~and set top box~~.

56. (Currently amended) The method of claim 52 wherein the ~~first network is an Internet, a telephone network, a cellular phone network, or a video network; and wherein the second network is a different type of network than the first network and~~ is one of an Internet, a telephone network, or a cellular phone network, ~~or a video network~~.

57. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52 wherein the steps of querying, receiving, and selecting occur within an information system configured to communicate with the different types of networks in the multi-networked environment.

58. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52 wherein the steps of querying, receiving, and selecting occur within an information system configured to communicate with the different types of networks in the multi-networked environment; and wherein the information system is a unified presence information system.

59. (Canceled)

60. (Currently amended) An apparatus for facilitating a communication session between a requestor and a user, the apparatus comprising:

a network interface configured for
querying a plurality of different types of networks in a multi-networked environment for status information, wherein the status information pertains to a plurality of communication devices associated with the user, including a ~~first communication device~~ set-top box and a second communication device, wherein the ~~first communication device~~ set-top box is associated with a ~~first~~ video network in the multi-network environment and the second communication device is associated with a second, different network in the multi-networked environment;

receiving the status information for the ~~first~~ set-top box and the second communication device[[s]], wherein the status information includes status information other than, or in addition to, an indication of whether the ~~first~~ set-top box and the second communication device[[s]] are on or off, [[;]] and wherein the querying and receiving of status information occurs independently of receiving a request for establishing the communication session between the requestor and the user; [[,]]

a storage block configured for storing the received status information; and

a processor configured for selecting a preferred communication device from one of the ~~first~~ set-top box and the second communication device[[s]] based on the received status information, wherein the processor performs the selecting in response to receiving the request for establishing the communication session with the user.

61. (Previously presented) The method of claim 52 further comprising causing information associated with the communication initiator to be displayed on the preferred communication device.

62. (Currently amended) The method of claim 52 further comprising directing a call to one of the ~~first~~ video network and the second network[[s]] to which the preferred

communication device belongs to enable the communication session to be established with the preferred communication device.

63. (Currently amended) The method of claim 52, ~~wherein the first communication device includes a personal computer, and~~ wherein the second communication device includes one of a telephone, a cellular phone, and set-top box a personal computer.

64. (Canceled)

65. (Currently amended) A method of identifying a communication device at which a user can likely be reached, the method comprising:

~~prior to receiving a request for the identity of the communication device from a requestor;~~

storing information about a plurality of communication devices associated with the user and with different respective networks in a multi-networked environment, wherein ~~each~~ of the plurality of communication devices ~~are~~ include a set-top box associated with a video network and a second communication device associated with a second, different network ~~respective networks in a multi-networked environment;~~ and

receiving status information regarding the ~~plurality of communication devices~~ set-top box and the second communication device from the their respective networks, wherein the status information comprises information other than, or in addition to, whether the ~~multiple communication devices~~ set-top box and the second communication device are on or off, and wherein the storing and receiving of status information occurs independently of receiving a request for the identity of the communication device from a requestor;

receiving the request for the identity of the communication device from the requestor;

selecting the communication device at which the intended recipient can likely be reached from one of the plurality of communication devices set-top box and the second communication device associated with the user, wherein the selection is based, at least in part, on an evaluation of the received status information; and

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providing the requestor with the identity of the communication device at which the intended recipient can likely be reached in order to facilitate [[a]] the communication session between the requestor and the user.